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THE AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining a desired protein from a transgenic host organism plant, wherein the expression of the gene coding for this protein is not made until the host organism plant has been harvested, wherein comprising the steps of:
 - (a) <u>obtaining a the transgenic host organism contains the plant comprising a gene</u> coding for the <u>a</u> desired protein such that it is only expressed in the presence of a chemical inductor; and
 - (b) <u>harvesting the plant</u>,
 - (c) contacting the harvested plant with the an inductor takes place via the phase surrounding the host organism after the host organism has been harvested harvested plant; and
 - (d) isolating the desired protein.
- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the phase is a gas phase.
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein step (b) (c) comprises modifying the gas phase surrounding the host organism harvested plant, atomizing a solution or a suspension of an inductor, or flooding with a volatile inductor.
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method according to any of one of claims 1 to 5 claim 1 or 4, wherein the gene coding for the desired protein is functionally linked with an inducible promoter.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[4]] 6, wherein modifying the gas phase is deoxidizing the gas phase and the <u>inducible</u> promoter is a promoter inactive under aerobic conditions.

- 8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the promoter is the GapC4 promoter.
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1 or 2, wherein the expression of the gene coding for the desired protein is induced by compensating the functional inhibition of the transcription and/or translation.
- 11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, wherein the gene coding for the desired protein is functionally linked with a promoter, so that between the promoter and the gene a nucleic acid is inserted such that
 - (a) it the nucleic acid prevents the transcription and/or translation of the gene; and
 - (b) it can be the nucleic acid is excised after the induction, which results in the expression of the gene.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid is a nucleic acid which can be capable of being excised by an inducible recombinase.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the excisable nucleic acid and the recombinase are constituents of the recombinase-LBD system.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method according to any of claims 1-to 3 claim 1 or 2, wherein the gene coding for the desired protein is expressed by compensating the effect of the transcriptional, post-transcriptional, translational or post-translation repressor.

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- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16 1, wherein the useful transgenic host plant is wheat, barley, corn, sugar beet, sugarcane, potato, a brassicaceae, a leguminous plant or tobacco.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A host organism The method according to claim 1, which contains wherein the gene coding for the desired protein such that it is only expressed in the presence of a chemical inductor.